

boosting domestic travel to different destinations and also highlighting tourism attractions such as a Adventure Wildlife, Yoga, Rural Tourism etc.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. A Sqcial Awareness Campaign against Graffiti and Garbage around monuments has been launched throughout the country.

Identification of new tourist spots

697. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government plans to regenerate tourism as viable activity and a revenue earner for both public and private sectors;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to identify more tourist spots in the country and to promote them abroad; and

(cl) if so, the details of the tourist spots identified, State-wise ar\nd steps taken by Government to develop the same?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) and (b) The existing Tourism Policy of the Government already recognizes tourism as a major engine of economic growth, income creation and employment generation in the country both in the public and private sector. The schemes of the Government have been designed to achieve these broad policy objectives and thus increasing revenue through increased tourist arrivals.

(c) and (d) The Ministry of Tourism identifies and prioritizes projects for development of infrastructure in tourist destinations/circuits in States/ UTs in consultation with them every year. In order to develop these projects, the Mmisry of Tourism extends Central Financial Assistance to States/ UTs concerned based on the detailed proposals received from them. The State-wise such tourism infrastructure projects prioritized for the year 2006-07 are given in Statement-I (See below). The State-wise Central Financial Assistance sanctioned and released for the projects during the current financial year based on the proposals received is given in Statement-II (See below). The promotion of India tourism abroad is an on-going activity which is being achieved by an effective modern and competitive marketing strategy through electronic, print, press, and other media to position India as a unique destination in the international market.

Statement-I

Prioritised Projects to be implemented during the year 2006-07

SI. No	State	Destination	Circuit	Rural Tourism
1	2	3	4	5
1	Andhra Pradesh	1. Hyderabad including Charminar & Golconda 2. Warangal 3. Nellore (Pulicat Lake)	1. Beach circuit Vizag 2. Buddhist circuit 3. Kaiahasti-Kanipakam-Talakona Circuit	1. Kuchipudi (near Vijayawada) 2. Dharmakaram (near Puttupani) 3. Surabhi (near Pochampalli)
2	Arunachal Pradesh	1. Amenities at Parsu-ramkund Lohit District 2. Restoration & Preservation of Heritage Site (Stone Rampart) at Dambuk,	Tinsukia (Assam)-Namsai-Tezu-Walong-Dongi circuit	1. Ligu Vilaige, Upper Subansiri District 2 Hgo-Nikte Village
3	Assam	1. Kamakhya and Satellite Pilgrimage Township of Hazo. 2. Convention Centre & Wellness Centre at Hotel Brahmaputra Ashoka, Gowahati	1. Orang-Tespur-Nameri-Bhalukpong-Tawang Tourist Circuit.	1. Chahdeo Sukafa Nagar in Sivsagar District
4.	Bihar	1 Mandeshwari Temple	1. Bodhgaya-Nalanda-Rajgir circuit.	1. Pattharkathi (near Gaya)
5	Chhattisgarh	1. Chitrakote fall 2. Rajim	1 Jagdalpur circuit	1. Chilpi (Near Kanha National Park) 2. Churn (Near Hasdeo Bango Dam)
6.	Delhi	1. Development of infrastructure as per Master Plan for Commonwealth Games	—	—
7.	Goa	—	1 2. North Goa Circuit South Goa Circuit	—
8.	Gujarat	1. Champaner Pavagadh 2. Gir 3. Dwarka	1. Junagarh-Vraval Porbandar circuit	1. Dandi 2. Vadnagar 3. Nageshwar
9.	Haryana	1. Surajkund 2. Sonapat-Ethnic India 3. Badkhal	1 Kumkshetra circuit	—
10	Himachal Pradesh	Dharmshala	1 2 Eco tourism circuit in Tribal Areas . Pilgrim Circuit	1. Mashobra villale in Simla 2. Baroh Village Near Dharamshala 3. Gurukul Oriented Village

1	2	3	4	5
11.	Jammu & Kashmir	a) Specific tourism infrastructure projects for Tourism Development Authorities of Bhaderwah, Kishtwar, Poonch, Rajouri, lakahnpur-Sarthal, Kokernag, Leh and Kargil b) Specific tourism infrastructure projects for Tourism Development Authorities of Pahalgam, Gulmarg, Sonamarg and Patnitop c) Restoration of Heritage building at Mubarak Mandi. Phase-I d) Golf Course at Jammu e) Reconstruction of gutted TRC at Srinagar	Development of Tourist Circuit in Kargil	a) (Software Work Plan) support for 5 vilages viz.. Drung, Pahalgam, Jheri, Surinsar and Gagangir b) support for 10 new villages to be identified by the State Government
12.	Jharkhand	1. Rajmahal 2. Parasnath	1. Rancht-Ramgarh-Rajarappa-Tenughat-Haziribagh-Padmaithkhor circuit	1. Amadubi, Distt. Singhbhum 2. Kharsavan, Distt. Saraikela-Kharsavan
13.	Karnataka	1. Hampi 2. Lingamakki	1. Bijapur-Biddar-Gulbarga circuit 2. Southern Wildemess Circuit	1. Chenputna village -Bangalore 2. Alkan village Bagalcote
14.	Kerala	1. Vagamon 2. Kumarkom 3. Padnabhappur Palace 4. Thrippunithura	1. Southern Eco-Tourism circuit	1. Kathakali Costume Village 2. Coir Village 3. Spice Village
15.	Madhya Pradesh	1. Panna 2. Mandu	1. Amarkantak-Mandla-Dindoi circuit 2. Hasangabad-Maheswar-Onkareshwar-Barwani circuit	1. Sivra in Datla 2. Ram Nagar in Mandla any village in Maheswar
16.	Maharashtra	Kunkeeshwar	1. Kolhapur Circuit 2. Fort Circuit	1. Village near Kolhapur 2 Village near Pune for Gurukul
17.	Manipur	1. Nongmaiching (Eco-Park with Golf course) 2. Imphal	1. Imphal-Bishnupur-Sendra -Churachandpur circuit	1. Andro, Khongiom at None
18.	Meghalaya	1. Protection & development of Caves around Jowai 2. Tura	1. Williamnagar-Jakrem-jowa circuit 2. Shillong-Cherrapunji Jowai Mawplong circuit	i —

1	2	3	4	5
19.	Mizoram	1. Chaitlang 2. Chaifilh	1. Southerm-Hrangchalawn, Tawipui'S', Lawngtlai, Saiha, Vawmbuk. Sangau,i Vanlaiphai circuit 2. Eastern- Keitum. N. Vanlaiphai, East Lungdar, Khawabung, Farkawn, Zokhawthar, Hnahlan circui	—
20.	Nagaland	1. Tourist Travel Destination Touphema. Kohima Dsitric 2. Aizuto, Zunhebot District.	1. Zunhebot-Tuensang- Kiphiri circuit 2. Governor's camp (Wakha)-Nui Land Area (Dimapur)-Jalukie (Peren)	1. Leshuni village
21.	Orissa	1. Chilka	1. Bhubanwsvar-Puri-Konark circuit 2. Simlipal-Chandipur-Talsari- Panchlingameshwar circuit 3. Aralku valley-Sonebeda- Koreput-Malkagni circuit	1. LDaringiBadi Village Deulijhari Distt. Anupur 2. Kheliyajali village
22.	Punjab	1. Ropar 2. Fatehgarh Sahib (Including Aam Khas Bagh with SEL Show) 3. Kapurthala	1. Freedom Struggle Circuit Delhi-Am ri tsar 2. Pilgrim Circuit	1. Village Paldi (Distt Hoshiarpur) 2. Village Kalanour (Distt. Gurdaspur) 3. Village Maisor Khanna (Distt. Bhatinda) 4. Boothgarh Distt. Hoshiarpur
23.	Rajasthan	1. LAjmer Sharif 2. Jaisalmer	1. Ecc-Tourism circuit 2. Floodlighting of monument	IS
24.	Sikkim	1. Development of Amusement Park at Sarmsa. 2. Pilgrim centre at Sprang	1. Development of Tourist Centers at Phodang and Mangan in North Sikkim 2. Development of Assam Lingzey and Khedi Trek Route in East Sikkim	1. Rong Village in South Sikkim. 2. Tharpu vilalge in West Sikkim
25.	Tamil Nadu	1. Madurai 2. Thanjavur 3. Kaniyakumari	Chennai-Kanchipuram (Pakshlirtham Circuit)	—
26.	Tripura	1. Chaturdashi Devta Ban	1. Development of North We Tripura Circuit	—
27.	Uttar Pradesh	1. Aligarh	1. Agra-Fatehpur Sikri-Mathur a circuit 2. Varanasi-Samath circuit 3. Brajbhoomi-Vrindavan circuit	—
28.	Uttaranchal	1. Yamnotri 2. Tehri	1. Rishikesh-Haridwar (Mega Project) 2. Bindsar-Bajjnath- Manesar cicruit	1. Village Trijugi Narayan, Distt. Rudraprayag.

1	2	3	4	5
29.	West Bengal	1. Goke 2. Kalimpong 2. Plassey	1. Freedom Circuit 2. Tea Tourism circuit 3. Beach circuit	

Statement-II

The details of projects sanctioned by the Ministry of Tourism, amount sanctioned and released during the current financial year

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl. No.	State/LIT	Project	Amount Sanctioned	Amount Released
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Andhra Pradesh	Development of Laknavaram Lake as Eco-Tourism Destination in Warangal District	468.63	337.90
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	Preservation of Heritage site (Stone rampart) at Yobgo. Dambuk, Lower Dibang Valley	283.22	226.58
		Construction of Tourist Complex at Parasuram Kund	462.68	370.15
3.	Assam	Construction of Integrated convention Centre and Wellness Centre in the Centre of Hotel Brahmaputra Ashok, Guwahati	454.28	363.42
4	Chhattisgarh	Development of Rajmergarh (Amarkantak)	275.73	220.58
		Development of Rajim	295.95	236.76
		Development of Chitrakote	278.45	222.76
5.	Gujarat	Development of Tourist Circuit on Junagadh-Veraval-Porbandar-Dwarka	329.83	263.86
6.	Himachal Pradesh	Development of Rohru and Chanshal as a Tourist Destination	260.00	208.00
7.	Jammu & Kashmir	Infrastructure Development in Kishtwar	271.86	200.00
		Development of Mubarak Mandi and Socio-Culture-Cum-Heritage Centre. Jammu	437.00	300.00
		Improvement of existing sanitary system in Pahalgam	495.75	200.00
		Development of Betab Wadi Area in Pahalgam	238.00	100.00
		Infrastructure Development in Bhaderwah	303.72	200.00

1	2	3	4	5
		Infrastructure Development in Poonch	243.52	200.00
		Infrastructure Development in Kokernag	287.82	200.00
		Infrastructure Development in Lakhanpur	264.10	200.00
		Infrastructure Development in Rajouri	249.55	200.00
8.	Karnataka	Development of Wilderness Tourism Circuit	226.88	204.20
9.	Kerala	Development of Rural Tourism Village at Anakkara, Distt, Idukki for Spice	46.00	36.80
		Development of Rural Tourism at Village Kalady, Distt., Ernakulam for	47.20	37.76
		Development of Padmanabhapuram Palace Complex	308.19	246.55
10	Madhya Pradesh	Development of Mandu	471.74	377.40
		Development of Panna	421.36	337.00
11.	Maharashtra	Development of Mahabaleshwar (Phase-fl), Distt. Satara	480.57	384.45
12	Manipur	Development of Imphal	418.00	334.00
		Development of Eco-Tourism park at Imphal, Manipur	345.29	172.64
13.	Nagaland	Development of Aizuto, Zunheboto District in Nagaland	438.94	351.17
14.	Orissa	Development of Rural Tourism at Village Barpali Distt. Baragarh	50.00	40.00
		Development of Rural Tourism at Village Hirapur, Distt. Khurda	50.00	40.00
		Development of Rural Tourism at Village Padmanavpur, Distt. Ganjam	50.00	40.00
		Development of Simlipal in Distt.,	297.12	237.70
15.	Punjab	Integrated Development of Freedom Trail, Punjab Tourism Circuit-Nabha	784.45	627.56
16.	Rajasthan	Conservation, Restoration and Preservation of Gagron Fort, Jhalawar Distt. In Rajasthan	281.71	225.36
		Development of Udaipur, Rajasthan	276.68	221.34
		Development of Rural Tourism in Haldighati Region, Distt. Rajsamand	50.00	40.00
17.	Tamil Nadu	Development of Rural Tourism at Village Kombai, Distt. Theni, for Spice	50.00	40.00
		Development of Rural Tourism at Village Thadiyankudisai	50.00	40.00
		Development of Madurai	478.03	382.42
18.	Uttar Pradesh	Reviialization of Varanasi as a Special Tourist Destination	786.00	628.80

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1	2	3	4	5
		Development of Agra and Visitor Management for Taj Mahal	758.00	606.40
		Development of Haridaspur, Khereswar Dham etc. in Aligarh District	497.04	397.63
		Development of Simoni Tourist Complex, in Distt. Banda	397.86	318.29
19.	Uttaranchal	Development of Yamunotri Dham	448.99	359.19
20.	West Bengal	Development of 'Tea Tourism Circuit' in North Bengal	388.98	311.18
		Development of Kalimpong in the State of West Bengal	498.38	39870
		Development of Rural Tourism at Village Mukutmonipur, Distt. Bankura	50.00	40.00
TOTAL:			15347.50	1172655

Sex tourism

†698. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI : Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the number of tourists coming to the country for sex tourism is continuously increasing, if so, the places which are the centres of such activities;

(b) whether Government are also aware that the number of AIDS patients is increasing in such places and States;

(c) whether Government are also aware that this is creating problems in the social system of the country; and

(d) the plan of Government to check the same?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) No specific complaint or report on prevalence of sex tourism in the country has been Deceived in the Ministry of Tourism.

(b) and ^c) Do not arise.

(d) Safety and Security of tourists is a State subject and hence, the Ministry of Tourism has advised all State Governments and Union Territories to deploy Tourist Police at important tourist centres/destinations. The

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.